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Examiner
Stephen D. Rosasco

Art Unit
1756

Applicant(s): **Mark A. Lavin et al.**

Invention: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF SMOOTHING MASK SHAPES FOR IMPROVED PLACEMENT OF SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES**

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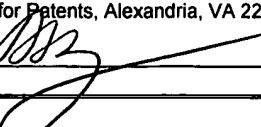
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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